



Praying in Jesus' Name

This is one of those misunderstood subjects. Most people believe that to pray in Jesus' name is to add the phrase in **"Jesus' name"** at the end of their prayer even though they have truly not prayed in Jesus' name but their own name. Is it possible to pray in your name and not pray in Jesus' name?

Before I go deeper into all of this, I have to mention that one thing that is true about me is that when I pray, I get serious results. I enjoy how God answers my prayers. When I pray, I get results at an astounding rate. **When I pray, things happen and as I do, God tells the angels to stop singing so He can hear me pray.**

1 John 5:14-15 *14 And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us: 15 And if we know that he hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of him.*

Of course, I'm happy to pray for you and with you but above all, to give you the tricks or secrets that account for that success.

- 1) Praying in Jesus' name
- 2) A revelation of Jesus' love for me.
- 3) Before I pray, I discern the will of God, primarily through His Word.

We are going to talk about **what it really mean to pray in Jesus' name?** Technically, we are supposed to pray to the Father in the name of Jesus.

While some people pray directly to **Jesus**, it is accurate because Jesus is the fullness of the Godhead (Colossians 1:19). The Father is not mad when we pray to the Holy Spirit or to Jesus (**John 10:30**). The Lord knows and can translate what your heart is saying. The key in all is not to pray in our own name.

When we pray in Jesus' name, **we are simply saying that:**

- a) We are asking for and believing for that "thing" **because of Jesus, not because of ourselves.**
- b) We are invoking the name of Jesus;

- i) **Standing**
 - ii) **Merit**
 - iii) **Character**
- c) In other words, because of Jesus' righteousness and what He has done.
- i) We do not have to be perfect to use the name of Jesus. We receive because of faith in Jesus and in the name of Jesus, therefore, our confidence and trust should be in Him not in our selves.
- Have you done all things perfectly? If not, You have the name of Jesus.
- ii) We are using the name of Jesus as the power of attorney (Power to act on behalf of another). We can do pretty much anything because of that name.

A name is a door opener

We all know of a name we've used or can use to get a favor or request granted. A person's name can open doors for you that nothing else can. **The name of Jesus gives us access to everything the Father Has for us just as if we were Jesus. We can't receive anything from the Father in our names but in the name of Jesus.**

It is like making a phone call and say, "I'm calling on behalf of the President of the United States". When you say that, you are to be treated like the president of the United States and the person at the other end of the phone must give the same response as if you were **the president because** you have the authority from the President to use and ask anything in his name and on his behalf.

Any violation against you or any denial of your request would be equivalent to denying the president himself.

Christ's Name

I have heard some people pray in Christ's Name, but I do not recommend anyone to do that. When I did a search on if there were such a thing as **"in Christ's name"** specifically the King James Version of the Bible, I could not find it. There was nothing like that.

You see the word **"Christ"** is not Jesus' last name. It is a title, not a name. **Christ** simply means the **"Anointed One."** Although it is true that Jesus is the true Anointed One, when we pray in Christ's name, we are not specific enough and we are basically saying, in the name of the Anointed One.

Main Text: Luke 18:9-14 “And he spake this parable unto certain which trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and despised others: Two men went up into the temple to pray; the one a Pharisee, and the other a publican. The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, God, I thank thee, that I am not as other men are, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this publican. I fast twice in the week, I give tithes of all that I possess. And the publican, standing afar off, would not lift up so much as his eyes unto heaven, but smote upon his breast, saying, God be merciful to me a sinner. I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other: for every one that exalteth himself shall be abased; and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted.”

- a) The Pharisee were the religious people that were leaders and they always thought they were better than all the rest. They prided in their keeping of the law. They were self-righteous.
- b) Publican was a Jew working with the Roman government to collect taxes. In other words he was a tax collector. He was the IRS or URA (Uganda Revenue Authority) guy. He was despised, hated almost by everyone from the Jews to all other nations. They were harsh, mean, deceptive, greedy and corrupt. In other words, they were chief sinners.
- c) The Pharisee was pointing to his goodness and his self-righteousness, in other words praying in his own name. On the other hand, the publican was pointing to the goodness of God none of his own. He acknowledged the need for a savior and mercy from God while the Pharisee believed that he deserved it. The only prayer that was heard by God was the prayer of the publican, not the Pharisee.

There actions were good but they could not make or earn them right standing with God. They are good for relationship with people and also shutting the door to Satan who comes to steal kill and destroy (John 10:10; Romans 6:16; 1 Peter 5:8).

- d) We can pray and yet not truly pray in Jesus' name —**The Pharisee!**
 - i) Adding the **cliché in “Jesus' name”** at the end doesn't mean you prayed in Jesus' name. Our prayer and our trust reflect if we are truly praying in Jesus' name or in our own name. We need complete confidence and trust in the Lord and none of our own self-righteousness.
 - ii) **Self righteousness and Ignorance** are one of the main hinderances to praying in Jesus' name.
- e) Additionally, you can pray and yet not add in Jesus' name at the end of your prayer and yet you have prayed in Jesus' name. —**The Publican!**

- i) The point I'm making is that praying in Jesus' name is not based on the last phrase (In Jesus' name I Pray) of your prayer or mentioning Jesus over and over in your prayer. Saying "In the name of Jesus" should not just be used at the end of a prayer.
- f) As long as you are self-trusting and pointing at your goodness and how awesome you are, you are not praying in Jesus' name but in your own name. I don't care if you add "in Jesus' name" at the end, that is not a prayer in Jesus' name.

Ask in Jesus' name

In the scriptures below, we have multiple confirmation to receive from **Jesus and the Father, if we ask in Jesus' name**. Jesus said that if we ask anything in His name: one, He (Jesus) will do it and; two, the Father will do it. Both the Father and Jesus will do it.

- 1) John 14:13-14 **And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do**, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. **If ye shall ask any thing in my name, I will do it.** (Emphasis mine).
 - a) This is a promise from the Lord that whatsoever we ask in His name, He will do. We can rest assured that God will do what He has promised.
- 2) John 15:16 Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain: **that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it to you.** (Emphasis mine)
- 3) John 16:23-24 And in that day ye shall ask me nothing. Verily, verily, I say unto you, **Whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in my name, he will give it to you. Hitherto have ye asked nothing in my name: ask, and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full.** (Emphasis mine).
 - i) Joy not full
 - ii) If we do not ask in Jesus' name but our own names, we will do without. We will have nothing. We have to ask in the name of Jesus if we want to receive.

What the Word reveals about the name of Jesus

- A. Power in the Name of Jesus.

If we can understand the power in the name of Jesus, we do not want to pray in any other name.

- a) Why would we? The name of Jesus works best or better for those who have a relationship with Him. We need to use this name. It is better than any other name.
- b) "Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father." —Philippians 2:9-11.
- c) No name is a match to the name of Jesus.
 - i) Cancer, AIDS, disease, sickness, and anything with a name. The name of Jesus is the Name above all names. There is tremendous power, blessing, and deliverance in the name of Jesus. Everything we are and have is because of the name of Jesus. This includes salvation.

B. Healing

- a) "In the Name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk." —Acts 3:6
 - i) We heal the sick in the name of Jesus. We do not do this through the name of someone else. We do not have to burn incense or light candles because the name of Jesus is sufficient for us.
 - ii) Healing cannot happen through any other name.

C. Wholeness (Makes people whole)

- a) "Be it known unto you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom ye crucified, whom God raised from the dead, even by him doth this man stand here before you whole."—Acts 4:10

D. Signs and wonders by the name of Jesus.

- a) "By stretching forth thine hand to heal; and that signs and wonders may be done by the name of thy holy child Jesus." —Acts 4:30

E. Safety

- a) The name of the LORD is a strong tower: the righteous runneth into it, and is safe.—
Proverbs 18:10

F. A good name is better than riches.

- a) "A good name is rather to be chosen than great riches, and loving favour rather than silver and gold." —Proverbs 22:1

G. Speak the name of Jesus.

- a) "And to him they agreed: and when they had called the apostles, and beaten them, they commanded that they should not speak in the name of Jesus, and let them go." —Acts 5:40
 - i) Satan does not want us to use the name of Jesus. He wants to nullify the effect of the name of Jesus because it is powerful.

H. Authority.

- a) "And this did she many days. But Paul, being grieved, turned and said to the spirit, I command thee in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her. And he came out the same hour." —Acts 16:18, Matthew 10:1, 7-8; Luke 10:19; Mark 16:15-17.
 - i) The name of Jesus gives us authority over all unclean spirits, all diseases and sickness.

I. Relationship with Jesus

- a) "Then certain of the vagabond Jews, exorcists, took upon them to call over them which had evil spirits the name of the Lord Jesus, saying, We adjure you by Jesus whom Paul preacheth." —Acts 19:13
 - i) You can't just play around or use the name of Jesus effectively without a relationship with Him.

Conclusion:

Jesus is the mediator between man and God (1 Timothy 2:5). The name of Jesus is the reason why we pray differently in the New Testament than the OT. We should not pray like Moses (Exodus 32:30-33) or Abraham (Genesis 18) because we will be taking the place of Christ who is the only Mediator between God and man. Jesus' intercession ended all Old Testament styles of intercession because of His finished work on the cross and the judgment He took for us (John 12:31-32).

